

**MINUTES**  
**Speech-Language Pathology Audiology Board**  
**November 30, 2005**  
**Room 428 - Fourth Floor - Heber Wells Bldg.**  
**160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah**

**CONVENED:** 1:04 P.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 2:30 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

Clyde Ormond, Bureau Manager  
Bonny Offermann, Board Secretary

Board Members:

Anne Elswailer	Bonnie Rice
Walter Cox	Nanette Sturgill
Patricia Anderson	

**ABSENT:**

None

**GUESTS:**

None

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Minutes

Ms. Elswailer moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2005 Board meeting; Ms. Sturgill seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

**HEARINGS/DISCIPLINARY:**

1:30 Indira Kaluarachchi

Ms. Kaluarachchi appeared before the board for her 1<sup>st</sup> probationary interview. Mr. Ormond informed the Board that Ms. Kaluarachchi was conducting speech pathology evaluations under the title of "Speech Pathologist" however; she was not licensed to practice Speech Pathology. Therefore, Ms. Kaluarachchi engaged in the unlawful practice of Speech Pathology without a license. Ms. Kaluarachchi signed a Stipulation and Order and was placed on probation for one year, and agreed to attend 20-hours of training related to the proper practice of Audiology and Ethics, within this profession.

Mr. Cox stated that the 20-hours should reflect 20-clock hours in order for Ms. Kaluarachchi to maintain licensure within Audiology. Ms. Kaluarachchi asked the Board for their suggestions in terms of Ethics courses, and the Practice of Audiology; she found a text based study course, but would not fulfill the 20-hour requirement. The Board informed Ms. Kaluarachchi to

contact the Utah Speech and Hearing Association or seek out someone that could possibly put an ethics course together for Board approval. Ms. Elswailer suggested Ms. Kaluarachchi contact the American Speech - Language - Hearing Association and/or the American Academy of Audiology.

The Board informed Ms. Kaluarachchi she has until October 26, 2006 to complete the 20- hours, and it will not count towards the required 20-hours of continuing professional education per year. The board also informed Ms. Kaluarachchi that she has until March 22, 2006 to research, gather, and submit information for review and approval.

Mr. Cox notified the Board that he would contact the Ethics Chairperson through Utah Speech and Hearing Association to check on acceptable hours in Audiology and Ethics.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

David Swenson

Mr. Ormond informed the board that Mr. Swenson's probationary period of 5-years has been fulfilled as per his Stipulation and Order. Mr. Ormond stated that he would contact Mr. Stevenson regarding Mr. Swenson's probationary terms. The Board agreed to release Mr. Swenson from probation and issue full licensure contingent upon whether his probationary terms were met.

David Griffith

Mr. Ormond informed the Board that Mr. Griffith signed a Memorandum of Understanding requiring him to fulfill 20-hours of continuing professional education by December 27, 2005. Mr. Griffith submitted proof of 12 continuing professional education hours in September 2005 and has a total of 15 more that needs to be submitted for approval by December 27, 2005. . Ms. Anderson motioned to accept the 12-hours and Ms. Rice seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously. It is noted that Mr. Griffith has to do 20-hours required continuing professional education as mandated, within the next two years.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Misc. Memo's for nomination

Mr. Ormond asked the Board what they would like the Division to do in cases where it receives correspondence regarding industry information and the infrequency of Board meetings. The Board informed the Division that the correspondence should be forwarded to the Chairperson.

**Rules Change:**

A discussion ensued regarding the current definitions within the Rules, and what requirements are necessary for licensure. Mr. Ormond instructed the Board that it is their duty to define what should be appropriate for licensure. Currently, standards for licensure represent American Speech - Language - Hearing Association standards. Mr. Cox will consult with Bryan Layton, Utah Speech and Hearing Association President regarding this issue. The board will discuss this matter on March 22, 2006 again. .

**Exams:**

Mr. Ormond informed the board of Thomson Prometric's availability of Standardized computerized exams in all Utah locations.

**Tele-Heath Practices:**

Mr. Ormond indicated we do not have a position for Tele-Health practices. In addition Mr. Ormond informed the Board that an "Aid" is required to be registered as a Health Care Assistant. However, there is not a required registration for Health Care Assistants, therefore, the Board must propose a change to replace this definition under the Rules R156-41 601(1) (b). The Board will make recommendations and present what they deem is sufficient to be put before the Speech-Language Pathology Audiology Board, prior to a rules hearing, regarding acceptable "Aid" requirements.

Ms. Sturgill motioned to adjourn meeting, Mr. Cox seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING:**

May 11, 2006

May 9, 2007  
DATE APPROVED

(ss) Walter Cox  
CHAIRPERSON, SPEECH LANGUAGE  
PATHOLOGY / AUDIOLOGY LICENING BOARD S

May 9, 2007  
DATE APPROVED

(ss) Clyde Ormond  
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